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Performance of Philippine Agriculture, January to September 2008

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Report Highlights:

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Includes PSD Changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Trade Report Manila [RP1] [RP] Philippine agriculture expanded 4.19 percent in the first nine months of 2008. Save for livestock, all farm subsectors registered production gains during the January to September 2008 period.

The crops subsector continued to be the dominant subsector growing 6.1 percent during the period. Paddy rice output in the first nine months of 2008 was up 7.22 percent, while corn grew 4.86 percent compared to the previous year's level. Led by the 6.02 percent improvement in chicken output, the poultry subsector managed to register a 4.80 percent growth. Fisheries posted a 3.55 output increase this year with aquaculture recording a 5.31 percent gain. The 2.74 percent contraction of the local hog industry pulled down overall livestock output by 1.97 percent compared to the previous year's expansion.

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